

PETITION  
OF  
A NUMBER OF CITIZENS OF LOUISIANA,

PRAYING

*The Repeal of the Naturalization Laws.*

JANUARY 7, 1840.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

*To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled :*

FELLOW-CITIZENS: The petition of the undersigned, citizens of the United States and of the State of Louisiana, respectfully shows their belief, that time has now fulfilled the object had in view by our fathers, at the period of adopting the Constitution, when they gave to Congress the power of passing laws for the naturalization of foreigners; and your petitioners also show their belief, that the farther admission of foreigners to a participation in the political rights of native Americans would be hurtful to the interests of our country, and if continued, will, sooner or later, prove destructive to our republican institutions.

Your petitioners, therefore, ask the attention of your honorable body to the various petitions for a repeal of the naturalization laws, which have been formerly presented to your honorable body; and they farther ask your honorable body to repeal entirely the laws which now exist in regard to the *naturalization of foreigners.*

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Yellow-Citizens: The petition of the undersigned, citizens of the United States and of the State of Louisiana, respectfully shows their belief that time has now fulfilled the object had in view by our fathers at the time of adopting the Constitution, when they gave to Congress the power of passing laws for the naturalization of foreigners; and your petitioners also show their belief, that the farther admission of foreigners to a participation in the political rights of native Americans would be fatal to the interests of our country, and if continued, will, sooner or later, prove destructive to our republican institutions.

Your petitioners, therefore, ask the attention of your honorable body to the various petitions for a repeal of the naturalization laws which have been formerly presented to your honorable body, and that they may be your honorable body to repeal entirely the laws which now exist in regard to the naturalization of foreigners.

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